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1. UK informed of US concern over possible Arab invasion--
The Department of State has instructed US Ambassador Douglas in London to inform Bevin and Attlee of the concern of the US over reports that King Abdullah of Trans-jordan is planning to invade Palestine in the near future. The Department states that if the armed forces of any Arab country should invade Palestine, the US would be forced to: (a) take a strong position in the UN; (b) point out that such invasion was in violation of the UN Charter; and (c) insist that appropriate steps be taken to eject the invaders, including if necessary the despatch of forces under UN auspices. The Department adds that if Abdullah invades Palestine, it would be difficult to dispel the impression, not only in the US but throughout the world, of British complicity in the matter in view of the close military and economic relations between the UK and Transjordan.
2. USSR presents protest to Norway--US Embassy Oslo has been informed by a high Norwegian official that the Norwegian Foreign Office has received a violent Soviet protest concerning the showing of the "anti-Soviet" film, "Ninotchka." Because of the abrupt and formal manner in which the protest was delivered, the Foreign Office is concerned whether the protest should be interpreted as the beginning of a Soviet war of nerves against Norway.

(CIA Comment: The Soviet protest, coming so soon after Foreign Minister Lange's public statement on 19 April that Norway would positively reject any Soviet offer of a pact, may be intended as a counter-measure to the Norwegian Government's anti-Communist campaign.)

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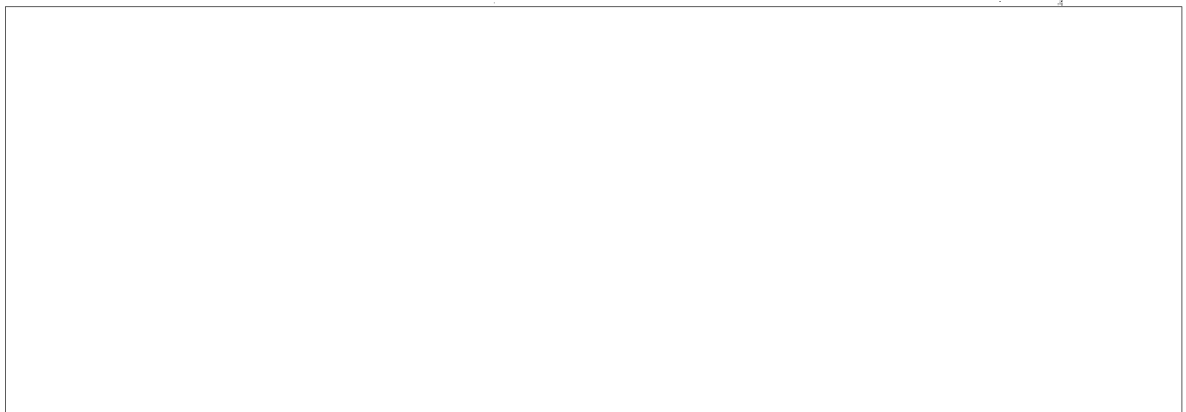
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- 4. GERMANY: USSR halts US metal shipment from Berlin--**
General Clay reports that Soviet authorities have halted and unloaded four barges loaded with steel scrap in transit from the US sector of Berlin to the US. The US Military Government in Germany has threatened the Soviet Military Administration with a retaliatory stoppage of the loading at Bremen of reparation equipment for delivery to the USSR.



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THE AMERICAS

- 6. MEXICO: Possible serious May Day disturbances--US Em-**
bassy Mexico reports that, despite the Mexican Government's precautionary actions, serious May Day disorders may result

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from the following: (a) the inaugural meeting of the Latin American Youth Congress on 30 April; (b) the Electricians' strike scheduled for 1 May; (c) the National University student strike now in progress; and (d) the four separate parades to be conducted by rival labor groups in Mexico City on 1 May.

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